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House Armed Services Committee Duncan Hunter, Chairman

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CHAIRMAN DUNCAN HUNTER STATEMENT REGARDING WAR ON TERRORISM FUNDING REQUEST

Washington, D.C. – President Bush announced his intent to submit to Congress a request of \$87 billion for military and reconstruction efforts in Afghanistan and Iraq. House Armed Services Committee Chairman Duncan Hunter (R-CA) today issued the following statement:

I support the President's initiative and will support his request for additional funds.

Clearly, our safety here at home has been enhanced by aggressive military operations in Iraq, Afghanistan and other theaters. The transformation of Iraq into a nation which does not threaten the United States is an important part of our long-term security strategy. Fighting the war on terrorism will continue to be costly, but in the end will produce greater security for the American people.

Now is the time for patience and perseverance. We must stand behind our Commander-in-Chief and our troops, who are carrying the brunt of this burden.

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